



# Water Policy Interim Committee

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## WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Room 172 of the State Capitol

Thursday July 9, 2009

### AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** - Sen. Terry Murphy, senior senator
1. Roll Call
  2. Committee member introductions
- 9:15 a.m. **WPIC overview**
1. Staff introductions -- Mr. Kolman, Mr. Everts, Ms. Peterson
  2. WPIC overview -- Mr. Kolman
  3. Committee questions and discussion
- 9:30 a.m. **Agency overviews**
1. DNRC
  2. Water Court
  3. DEQ
  4. FWP
  5. Committee questions and discussion
- 10:50 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Election of WPIC chair and vice chair**
- 11:15 a.m. **Public comment**
1. Water-related organizations
  2. Other public comment
  3. Committee questions
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m. **Overview of ground water investigation program**
1. Amy Bamber, Chair – Ground Water Assessment Steering Committee
  2. Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology - John Metesh, John Wheaton
  3. Committee questions and discussion

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- 2:00 p.m.      **Committee discussion of study priorities**  
                    1. Overview - Joe Kolman  
                    2. Committee questions and discussion
- 3:00 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:15 p.m.      **Continue discussion of study priorities**  
                    1. Public comment  
                    2. Committee action
- 4:00 p.m.      **Administrative matters**  
                    1. Budget overview - Joe Kolman  
                    2. Adoption of interim WPIC meeting dates  
                    3. Adoption of rules
- 4:15 p.m.      **Other business**
- 4:20 p.m.      **Instructions to staff**
- 4:30 p.m.      **Public comment on any matter within the WPIC jurisdiction.**
- 5:00 p.m.      **Adjourn.**

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